

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-15 are pending for further examination. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 are currently amended. Claims 11-15 are new.

Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing that claims 4 and 6 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of claims 2 and 4 and respectfully request allowance of claim 1. Claims 3, 5 and 7-10 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reason as claim 1.

In addition, applicants have amended claim 6 to incorporate the features of the claims from which it depended and respectfully request allowance of claim 6. Claims 11-15 depend from claim 6 and should be allowed for at least the same reason as claim 6.

Claim Objections

Originally filed claims 4 and 6 were objected to as unclear. Applicants have amended claim 1 (which recites the features of canceled claim 4) and claim 6 to provide clarification as requested by the Examiner and respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

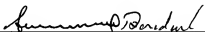
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